



Balan Dorairaj

May 6, 2016

Balan Dorairaj, passed away peacefully on May 6th 2016 early morning in Chicago after a massive cardiac arrest, at age 57. He leaves behind his grieving family that includes mom, sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Balan was born on September 1, 1958 in Nidamangalam, India to late Mr. Valady Krishnasamy Dorairaj and Sita Dorairaj. He grew up in Trichy, India along with his loving sisters. He completed his schooling at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Trichy, and college at National Institute of Technology, Trichy (previously known as Regional Engineering College). He later on went on to complete his higher studies in the U.S. at the University of Texas, Dallas. He has been a resident of the U.S. since 1983.

Balan was brilliant and his knowledge of various topics, command and mastery over the English language was unparalleled. He was the president and CEO of Fastracq Corporation, a management consulting firm in Chicago.

A prolific speaker and writer, he was well-known in his professional circles and authored a few books in the area of Supply Chain and Packaging.

Passion defined everything he did. With his infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy, and optimism, he lived life on his own terms. He loved the music, both old Hindi and Tamil songs.

He had a way with words, wrote several poems describing his love of God.

He loved his family and friends and touched many lives.

He was preceded in death by his father late Mr. Valady Krishnasamy Dorairaj. As he joins his father in Heaven, we pray for his soul to rest in peace.

Events

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Visitation

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Bolingbrook-McCauley Funeral Chapel & Crematorium

530 West Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, IL, US, 60440

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Pooja Service

02:00PM

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Cremation

03:00PM

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Comments



“ I am deeply grieved to learn of Balan Dorairaj's death. I was in touch with him in Dallas, where he was a student. Since then I had lost touch with him. One of our common friends just informed me of Balan's passing on.

I am deeply sorrowed.

Balan lived an authentic life of generous and progressive impulses. He was an aspirational fellow, who tried to change the world. He always saw the world in idealistic terms, and he was hopeful of the next big thing. Balan would never tire, would never quit, would never flinch. He was a warrior, he was a gentleman, he was an intellectual.

I knew Balan well. I Knew his sisters too -- his parents also some. His sister, Usha, was a Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) class mate of my younger brother, Ragu. And my dad, P.R. Gurumurthy -- who just died about 2 months ago, shy of 88 years of age -- was the Principal of Trichy KV when Usha and Jayashree were students.

I am so very sad. Such untimely death.

Knowing fully well that we cannot match your generosity and large-heartedness with no malice to any one, Balan, we, too, will try. This much we promise.

Balan, travel safely and joyously. Know that we love you and respect you. Know that your family adores you. Your mom blesses you. Your dad awaits you.

My friend, we will miss you. I will miss you. With much love.

GK (Gurumurthy Kalyanaram)
kalyan@alum.mit.edu

Gurumurthy Kalyanaram - May 21, 2016 at 11:39 PM



“ Dear GK,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this moving tribute to our beloved brother. He is a beautiful place with my dad.

Loving sisters,
Usha and Jayashree

Jayashree - May 31, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ He was my professor at rhe Stuart school of business,Chicago. He behaved inappropriately with several female students and was fired as a result. Pathetic Loser....

Sanjay - January 24 at 11:21 PM



“ In memory of our dear brother Balan Dorairaj who left us On May 6th, 2016 to join our dear dad in Heaven.

Dai Baloo,

As we affectionately called you, why were you in a hurry to meet daddy that you left us all early?

As we grew up under the loving care of mom and dad, you taught us to think big and was way ahead of your times. At a time when the children in our neighborhood did not even know where U.S. was located in the map, you listened to the “Voice of America” radio station and read a lot about the life in the U.S. You held a lot of promise as we grew up.

You were the most brilliant and articulate among the three of us. Passion defined everything you did.

With your infectious enthusiasm, boundless energy, and optimism, you lived life on your own terms.

A poet, an orator, a businessman, a singer, music lover, an athlete, you had no limits to what you could achieve. Kishore Kumar, RD Burman, Rajesh Khanna, and Kannadasan were among your favorites.

You had a way with words, wrote several poems describing your love of God.

Your knowledge of various topics, command and mastery over the English language and other languages were unparalleled.

As the president and CEO of Fastracq Corporation, a management consulting firm in Chicago, you were well-known and “sought after speaker” in your professional circles having authored a few books in the area of Supply Chain and Packaging.

You loved your family and friends and touched many lives.

As dad receives you with his loving embrace in Heaven, we pray for your soul to rest in peace.

Our Holy Bhagvad Gita says “there is a continuum of life”, Punarappi Jananam & Punarappi Maranam.

Soul is eternal as it leaves the body and transcends different lives.

May you have a phenomenal next life that is fulfilling, long, and healthy. May you achieve and shine with brilliance that you exuded now.

We will be always be your loving sisters for infinity and beyond.

Ushi and Jayashree ("sil")

Jayashree Dorairaj - May 15, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ Usharani ,Govindaraju and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Balan Dorairaj.



Usharani ,Govindaraju and family. - May 15, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ I have never met someone as incredibly dedicated, talented, and hard-working as Dan. It was an honor to be able to work with him and see how his mind worked. He will be missed dearly.

Brita Holmlund

Brita Holmlund - May 11, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ M. S. Sridhar lit a candle in memory of BD.



Madurai Sridhar - May 10, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ The twist of Time by Dan Balan

Watch
One circular entrapment
More vicious then a slap on the wrist
With illusory hand yoking invalid hours

Age

What a red herring to the red of being.

You come of Age
When you refuse to come of age

When were you
opened by Life
overturned by destiny
overruled by Will

Make
Age ageless
Time timeless
Death deathless

Let
The Eloquence of earth
become
The Nascence of your birth

Be born again
and again
in the
balderdash of Time .

- Dan Balan "The eternal youngster, Balan"
"Berries on Broken Glass--- poetic agitation for the Spirit"
Chicago July 2009

TKJ - May 10, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ A Stone for Danny Fisher

There was the guy named Dan
Who was as man as man can man
A breaker of all fences
He scorched all his senses
With a belly fire that gave Sun a tan.

Back in Thuvakkudi
He was a real foodie
Ate eggs by the dozen
That set his loins buzzin'
And then he did things rather rowdy.

He loved to sing and smile
He was not of rank and file

He curse was designer swear
His "Dai" had a thunder flair
Even his lungi, he carried with style.

Then torching through USA,
Laughing all the way
Dashing through the snow
Uphill go-go-go
Riding a one-horse open sleigh.

Nature's electric rod
Programmed to poke and prod
And give the world a jolt
This lightning Usain bolt
Challenged and outran Holy God.

The original lone ranger
With scant regard for danger
He jumped off every cliff
Loved his daily sniff
Of death, he was no stranger.

Yet he was not alone
Our dear Dan Balone
Was many men in one
His mind a den of fun
Where these many men were all in the zone.

He was as Wild(e) as Oscar may
Trying every plug and play
Daring every horror
Staring at the mirror
Admiring the picture of Dorian Gray

Whether 'twas rites of secret Tantra
Or chant of Radha-Krishna Mantra
His was a relentless quest,
Done with zany zest
Squeezing the stuff out of every luscious Santra.

Orator King BD
Did stand-up Caw-medy;
A keynote speaker of renown
He wiped away the frown
Of sufferers of supply-chain malady.

His command of word and phrase
Never ceased to amaze;
He wrote and wrote and wrote

Words we'd love to quote
Words that pulsate dance and grace.

Sharp as a bowie knife
He explored all sides of life;
He came across so nice
That in front of your very eyes
He'd politely be hitting on your wife.

But how much of Dan do we know?
Only that which he chose to show;
He had a dozen different sides
Many Jekylls many Hides
Asking "Please sir, I want some more!"

Ah yes, he was so Oliver Twist
The lone boy in our oldies list;
Or was he the artful dodger
Or the misunderstood lonely lodger
Or a soft hand putting up a front of fist?

Who can know Danny boy?
His every front a decoy;
"Let's meet next week" he'd declare,
And then vanish into thin air;
Not for him us hoi polloi.

With his Dad's passing on,
The heart of Dan was gone;
He wept like a child
Gone was the Daniel wild
Son Balan was that day reborn.

He's been through fire and ice
He's seen through life's many lies;
He laughed at the world
And his flag he's unfurled
In heaven now, he's rolling dice.

Judge him not by our rules
He was made of different molecules;
He flew high in the sky
All the while waving bye-bye
To us, the flat-footed fools.

BD! RECT 1980 wishes you, Many Happy Returns!
Long live Beedee!
Long live the spirit of Balan Dorairaj
Long live Dan Balone!

Long live Balu Mama!
Long live the Cocker Spaniel Daniel!

Tribute Compiled by GK on Behalf of his Batchmates from REC Trichy / NITT

TKJ - May 10, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts. A poem that captures the essence of our brother's life. He will live in our hearts forever.

Jayashree Dorairaj - May 15, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ DJ, really great to know about your elder brother Balan, our RECT Senior. Hope as per ur belief, ur brother will come back to your family as future Kid by God's grace.

UmaMuralidaran D - May 17, 2016 at 01:00 AM



“ Thanks Uma.

Jayashree - May 17, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ Long live the king of limericks ! I have not met anyone as quick & apt with words & thoughts like a magician produced coins from air! Words as blunt & heavy as a granite wall , yet sharp as a razor blade ! We will miss you bugger !! We will miss you !

Joseph NR - May 09, 2016 at 11:58 PM



“ Balu Mama,
You embodied the characteristics of a great uncle. You were deeply compassionate, extremely intelligent and very wise. You always offered me advice whenever I needed it. Although I will miss you wholeheartedly, I know that you are with Thatha watching over us and guiding us through the next stages of our lives.

May your soul rest in peace.

Hari

Hari Sivaskandan - May 09, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ Balu Mama, I always admired your oratory talents. I fondly remember debating politics and discussing world affairs with you.

You left us too early and will be greatly missed. I pray that you find peace and

happiness in your next life.

Tara Sivaskandan - May 09, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ Balu Mama, I will always remember you as a great uncle a niece could ever have. Your kindness, intellect, and artistic talents have touched my heart in many ways. I remember just recently, we were working on writing speeches for graduation. At that time, I was practicing a marathi song called Navarai Maajhi from the movie English Vinglish for an upcoming performance. You asked me to play the original song for you. Within seconds, you started singing it so beautifully.

I will miss you. May your soul rest in peace.

Sandhya Sivaskandan

Sandhya Sivaskandan - May 09, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ I had the privilege of knowing Balan both personally and professionally. He was very well-respected in his field, and brought energy and enthusiasm to every project. He was always full of new ideas, which he pursued tirelessly. He will be deeply missed.
Patrick Farrey
Executive Director
Institute of Packaging Professionals

Patrick Farrey - May 09, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ I am honored to have been a friend of BD (we knew him as "Dan") for several years and to have shared the last 6 months with BD a resident of our house with my 102 year old father, Meyer (passed 1/31). We all reveled in creating and sharing "stand-up" limericks, impromptu poetry and witticisms - which was 2nd nature to BD!

Dan was full of life, song, poetry, engineering, science and math to balance his wonderful wit with wisdom! Yet, his attitude was that of someone half his age!!

May BD take this transition in stride, as he did in life, pursuing his love of life and making a difference in people's lives! We will miss him!

Howard (Roy) Marks

howard marks - May 09, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ The entire family at the Institute of Packaging Professionals is deeply saddened to learn of Balan's passing. He was a good friend of IoPP and tremendously committed to his work and his passions in life. We will miss him dearly.

Jim George, Director of Education, Institute of Packaging Professionals

Jim George - May 09, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ On behalf of his Batch Mates from REC Trichy -Tommy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Balan Dorairaj.



On behalf of his Batch Mates from REC Trichy -Tommy - May 09, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ Nithianand Ranganathan lit a candle in memory of Balan Dorairaj



Nithianand Ranganathan - May 09, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ Harjeet Kalsi lit a candle in memory of Balan Dorairaj



Harjeet Kalsi - May 09, 2016 at 06:54 AM



“ Balu Mama - Though you left early, you have joined Thatha in sweet bliss. I know you are now looking after us from the arms of the Lord. May your afterlife match the brilliance you exuded in your time on Earth.

Amit

Amit - May 09, 2016 at 02:41 AM



“ Mr. Girish Makadia lit a candle in memory of Balan Dorairaj



Mr. Girish Makadia - May 09, 2016 at 02:11 AM



“ I was first 'ragged' by BD in the first day of my joining RECT. He turned out to be so friendly by the end of ragging session and remained so through the 4 years. Pray for peace for the departed soul.

Padmanaban paddy - May 09, 2016 at 02:08 AM



“ I am Balan's sister, Jayashree's father-in-law. Napoleon stated that our hour is marked and no one can claim a moment of life beyond what is determined. My mental equipoise was affected very much when I received the news that Balan is no longer with us.

I enjoyed Balan's intellect, humility, erudition and oratorial skills. Francis Bacon stated that reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man. He possessed all these traits.

Some years ago, when I met him in San Jose, California, he gave me the book Business Transformation written by him and which was well received in the press. I talked about this in the India Community Center in Cupertino, California.

I pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

A Narayanaswami



“ I am Balan's sister Jayashree's sister-in-law. My husband, Ram and I remember Balan as a very enthusiastic and passionate person, who loved to discuss various topics on a variety of subjects and kept the audience enthralled. His zeal and energy were contagious. He was always very positive in his outlook.

We last met him in Feb 2015 when he came to San Jose, California for his father's funeral. His eulogy speech for his dad is still fresh in our memories.

May God give the family, strength and courage to bear this tragic loss. Time alone will be the healing factor. May Balan's soul rest in peace.

Gomathi & Ram Subramaniam

Ram & Gomathi Subramaniam - May 08, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Balan Dorairaj.



May 08, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Balan Dorairaj.



May 08, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ Pradeep Randhawa lit a candle in memory of Balan Dorairaj



pradeep randhawa - May 08, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ I am Balan's classmate from Engineering college. Balan was an extraordinary man, A poet, writer, orator, stand-up comedian, marketer, businessman, and more. Passion was his middle name - he could set the Sun on fire. He played by his own rules, his own game - and the playing field was global. Deep within, he was a young boy from Trichy, who loved his family and friends.

He was ahead of his peers in life, and he has taken the lead, now, in afterlife.

Balan Dorairaj a.k.a Dan Balan a.k.a Prince Daniel a.k.a Son of Shiva - may you enjoy the bliss of Gandharva Loka.

GK

Kamesh Shankar - May 08, 2016 at 09:56 AM